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- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Manila Regional Office and Outpatient Clinic (VA) is the only VA office located outside the United States or its territories.
- VA Manila employs 231 staff. All but nine are Filipino citizens working side by side with their American counterparts to serve Veterans of both countries.
- VA Manila pays out over \$16 million per month in disability compensation to approximately 15,000 beneficiaries, over half of which are Filipino WW II Veterans or their family members. These monthly payments are in addition to the one-time lump sum payments made to Filipino WW II Veterans and their survivors as part of the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Program.



- 18,530 eligible Filipino WW II Veterans or their survivors have received a total of \$221 million in one-time FVEC payments since 2009. This exceeds the 18,000 Veterans estimated prior to the FVEC benefit becoming law.



- VA has a sizable economic impact on the Philippines and a significant positive impact on the thousands of Veterans and beneficiaries it serves in the Philippines.

- In 2012 VA Manila's Outpatient Clinic accomplished almost 30,000 patient visits and provided world-class health care to thousands of Veterans.

VA Benefits & Services Provided by VA Manila – FY 2012

Compensation and Pension Payments	\$200,160,405
Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Payments (FVEC)	\$2,490,000
Medical Services for Veterans	\$12,497,026
Education and Vocational Benefits for Veterans and Dependents	\$2,223,176
TOTAL	\$214,461,191



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■ In 2012 VA celebrated its 90th Anniversary with yearlong activities such as the benefits fair that aims to promote VA's signature online portals (eBenefits and MyHealtheVet); the dedication of \$500,000 worth of equipment at VMMC Eye Care to help prevent and treat vision problems of WWII Veterans and their family members; and the Manila Gives Back: A Day with the Heroes Event at PVAO which was sponsored by VA employees to honor and thank our Filipino Veterans.



■ VA Manila provides assistance to the Philippines' only Veterans hospital, the Veterans Memorial Medical Center in the form of equipment grants. Since 2003 VA has provided \$8 million in equipment grants.

■ The VA Manila Regional Office is now moving forward with a transformation plan to eliminate backlog (no claim over 125 days old and 98% quality by 2015) and increase access to benefits and services.



VA MANILA GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM TO THE VMMC

Year	Grant Amount	Equipment Upgrade
2003	\$1,000,000.00	13 Ventilators, Dialysis Center with 10 Dialysis Machines, and 9 Cardiac Monitors
2004	\$1,000,000.00	Gamma X-Ray Camera, Ultrasound Machine, and 2D Echocardiogram
2005	\$1,000,000.00	Fluoroscopy Machine, 20 Patient Monitors, 2 portable X-Ray machines, Boiler Plant upgrade
2006	\$500,000.00	6 Galileo Ventilators and Mortuary Rehabilitation
2007 and 2008	\$1,000,000.00	CT-SCAN Machine
2009 and 2010	\$1,300,000.00	MRI Machine
2011	\$500,000	Eye Center

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